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To **PREDICATE**. *v. n.* To affirm or speak.

It were a presumption to think, that any thing in any created nature can bear any perfect resemblance of the incomprehensible perfection of the divine nature, very being itself not *predicating* univocally touching him and any created being.

PREDICATE. *n. f.* [*prædicatum*, Lat.] That which is affirmed of the subject; as *man is rational*.

The predicate is that which is affirmed or denied of the subject.

PREDICATION. *n. f.* [*prædicatio*, Lat. from *predicate*.] Affirmation concerning any thing.

Let us reason from them as well as we can; they are only about identical *predications* and influence.

To **PREDICT**. *v. a.* [*prædictus*, Lat. *predire*, Fr.] To foretell; to foreshow.

He is always inveighing against such unequal distributions; nor does he ever cease to *predict* public ruins, till his private are repaired.

PREDICTION. *n. f.* [*prædictio*, Lat. *prediction*, Fr. from *predict*.] Prophecy; declaration of something future.

These *predictions* are to the world in general, as to Caesar.

The *predictions* of cold and long winters, hot and dry summers, are good to be known.

How soon hath thy *prediction*, seer blest!

Measur'd this transient world the race of time,

Till time stand fix'd.

In Christ they all meet with an invincible evidence, as if they were not *predictions*, but after-relations; and the penmen of them not prophets but evangelists.

He, who prophesied the best,

Approves the judgment to the rest;

He'd rather choose, that I should die,

Than his *prediction* prove a lie.

PREDICTOR. *n. f.* [from *predict*.] Foreteller.

Whether he has not been the cause of this poor man's death, as well as the *predictor*, may be disputed.

PREDIGESTION. *n. f.* [*præ* and *digestion*.] Digestion too soon performed.

Predigestion, or hasty digestion, fills the body full of crudities and seeds of diseases.

To **PREDISPOSE**. *v. a.* [*præ* and *dispose*.] To adapt previously to any certain purpose.

Vegetable productions require heat of the sun, to *predispose* and excite the earth and the seeds.

Unless nature be *predisposed* to friendship by its own propensity, no arts of obligation shall be able to abate the secret hatreds of some persons towards others.

PREDISPOSITION. *n. f.* [*præ* and *disposition*.] Previous adaptation to any certain purpose.

It was conceived to proceed from a malignity in the constitution of the air, gathered by the *predispositions* of seasons.

Tunes and airs have in themselves some affinity with the affections; so as it is no marvel if they alter the spirits, considering that tunes have a *predisposition* to the motion of the spirits.

External accidents are often the occasional cause of the king's evil; but they suppose a *predisposition* of the body.

PREDOMINANCE. *n. f.* [*præ* and *domina*, Lat.] Prevalence; superiority; ascendancy; superior influence.

We make guilty of our disasters, the sun, the moon and the stars, as if we were knaves, thieves and treacherous by spherical *predominance*.

An inflammation consists only of a sanguineous affluxion, or else is denominable from other humours, according to the *predominancy* of melancholy, phlegm or choler.

In human bodies, there is an incessant warfare amongst the humours for *predominancy*.

The true cause of the Pharisees disbelief of Christ's doctrine, was the *predominance* of their covetousness and ambition over their will.

The several rays therefore in that white light do retain their colorific qualities, by which those of any sort, whenever they become more copious than the rest, do, by their excess and *predominance*, cause their proper colour to appear.

PREDOMINANT. *adj.* [*predominant*, Fr. *præ* and *dominor*.] Prevalent; supreme in influence; ascendent.

Miserable were the condition of that church, the weighty affairs whereof should be ordered by those deliberations, wherein such an humour as this were *predominant*.

Foul subornation is *predominant*,

And equity exil'd your highness' land.

It is a planet, that will strike

Where 'tis *predominant*; and 'tis powerful.

Those helps were overweighed by divers things that made against him, and were *predominant* in the king's mind.

Whether the sun, *predominant* in heav'n,

Rise on the earth; or earth rise on the sun.

I could shew you several pieces, where the beauties of this kind are so *predominant*, that you could never be able to read or understand them.

To **PREDOMINATE**. *v. n.* [*predominare*, Fr. *præ* and *dominor*, Lat.] To prevail; to be ascendent; to be supreme in influence.

So much did love t' her executed lord

Predominate in this fair lady's heart.

The gods formed womens souls out of these principles which compose several kinds of animals; and their good or bad disposition arises, according as such and such principles *predominate* in their constitutions.

The rays, reflected least obliquely, may *predominate* over the rest, so much as to cause a heap of such particles to appear very intensely of their colour.

Where judgment is at a loss to determine the choice of a lady who has several lovers, fancy may the more allowably *predominate*.

To **PREDILECT**. *v. a.* [*præ* and *elect*.] To chuse by previous decree.

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